

BED PREPARATION AND PLANTING QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1) **True or False: Compost and fertiliser do the same thing. The only difference is that compost is natural and fertiliser is chemical.**

Answer: False

Explanation: Fertiliser is a strong nutrient boost that you apply to your garden when there are signs that your plants are struggling. Fertiliser can be natural or chemical. Compost is always natural and can be applied to your garden at any time to add extra nutrients to the soil. Compost is not as strong as fertiliser.

- 2) **True or False: You need to remove the seeds from the paper before you can plant them.**

Answer: False

Explanation: Plant the Reel Gardening Seed Tape with the seeds inside the paper. The plants will grow through the paper. The paper will break down over time, adding extra nutrients to the soil.

- 3) **True or False: Reel Gardening Seed Tape saves 80% water in the germination phase because it shows you exactly where your seeds are in the soil, enabling you to water only where you know the seeds are.**

Answer: True

Explanation: The coloured portion of the seed tape will stick up out of the soil, showing you exactly where the seeds are. You can then water only where you know the seeds are, allowing a substantial water saving.

- 4) **Choose the most correct answer: Why do we include companion planting herbs and flowers in our vegetable gardens?**

Answer: They attract pollinators and repel pests

Explanation: Whilst companion plants serve a variety of functions, the primary reason we include companion plants in our vegetable gardens is due to the benefits they provide for our vegetables.

- 5) **Select all correct answers: We design our raised beds in this way because...**

Answer: Pathways around the beds ensure you never have to stand on the bed and compress the soil
We are making good use of the top soil which is the most nutritious
Raised beds direct water into the pathways during hard rains to prevent the seeds and top soil washing away

Explanation: The beds will only be raised by about 30cm above path height. This is not significant enough to be of benefit for tall people.

- 6) **True or False: You will need to make an 8cm deep furrow in the soil to plant your seed tape in.**

Answer: True

Explanation: If the furrow was any shallower, the seed tape would not be able to stand vertically in the soil with the white portion buried and the coloured strip visible above the soil. It is better to make the furrow deeper than 8cm, rather than shallower.

- 7) **True or False: All Reel Gardening Seed Tape varieties should be planted one hands' length apart.**

Answer: False

Explanation: The seed tape of small vegetables should be planted one hands' length apart while the seed tape of larger vegetables should be 2 hands lengths apart. Large vegetable varieties include: tomato, cabbage, butternut, gem squash and sweetcorn.

- 8) **True or False: You should plant all your Grow Pods close together. Once they are planted you can move them to wherever you want them.**

Answer: False

Explanation: Once filled with soil and planted, the Grow Pods are going to be extremely heavy. You will not be able to move them around very much once they are planted. Rather you should fill and plant your Grow Pods in the location in which they will stay permanently.

- 9) **True or False: Every Learn and Grow Kit contains one Reel Gardening Grow Pod.**

Answer: True

Explanation: Each Learn and Grow Kit contains one Grow Pod as well as the extra educational components.

- 10) **True or False: The Grow Pods are made out of a UV-treated plastic material. This means that they won't be damaged by the sun and you can replant them year after year.**

Answer: True

Explanation: This plastic material is breathable which means that air and water can pass through it easily. This is important for soil aeration and drainage. The material has been UV-Treated so that it won't be damaged by the sun and it won't give off harmful chemicals that could seep into the soil.